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1. The Bulgarian Army is conducting a general survey, of its reserve officers, who are now being required to appear before all four of a new series of special commissions, appointed for "control" purposes.
2. The first of these commissions consists of a doctor, a specialist officer, a political officer, and an officer of the Darjavna Sigurnost. The results of this examination are noted in the dossier of each officer.
3. The second commission consists of officers, among whom are agents of the Communist Party and of the militia. Each reserve officer appearing for examination is required to submit to the commission a biography, written in his own handwriting. This must cover his origin, education, employment, travel, languages spoken, parents' identity, political past, and so on. He is furthermore required to fill out a special form prepared by the commission.
4. The third commission consists entirely of experts from the Darjavna Sigurnost. Its duty is to compare the statements made by the officers themselves, with information, independently collected, regarding their careers. The purpose is to discover any possible contradictions. If contradictions are found, the officer examined is required to explain them.
5. The fourth commission consists of regular army officers and municipal officials. This commission verifies the addresses given by the officers.
6. When this series of examinations is over, each officer receives a military identity card, or "Voyenno Otchetna Slujba." This carries a number, indicating the degree of confidence that the government has in this officer. Only officers who are able to secure cards with a suitably high rating for fidelity to the Communist Government are permitted to participate in maneuvers.

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